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In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1772
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LIN et al.)
) Examiner:
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Serial No.: 10/052,621)
) FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Filed: January 17, 2002)
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Atty. File No.: 3123-297)
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For: "STORAGE MEDIA WITH)
NONUNIFORM PROPERTIES")

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner, please

enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Enclosed is a check in the amount of $378.00 to pay

for the additional 21 dependent claims added by this amendment. Although Applicants do not

believe that any other fees are due based upon the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:
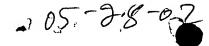
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, as follows:

In a preferred configuration, the magnetic remanence and/or the magnetic moment (Mrt) of

the disk increases from the inner disk diameter to the outer disk diameter, and the coercivity

decreases from the inner disk diameter to the outer disk diameter. These trends reflect the unique

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TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS AN AMENDMENT IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION

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